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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: ICCS: FORTHCOMING BOOK OF ATROCITY PICTURES BY
HUNGARIAN MEMBER ICCS

REF: BUDAPEST 3261 AND 3262

1. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED OF BOOK ENTITLED QTE VIETNAM - IT
HAPPENED BEFORE OUR VERY EYES UNQTE BY LT. COL. GYORGI MATE
(RECENTLY DEPARTED MEMBER OF THE HUNGARIAN ICCS CONTINGENT)
PUBLISHED IN ENGLISH, FRENCH, GERMAN AND ITALIAN. BOOK CONTAINS
ATROCITY PICTURES USUALLY CONTRASTED ON THE OPPOSITE PAGE WITH US
CHILDREN AT PLAY, OR SHOTS OF US CARRIERS, AIRCRAFT, LAUGHING
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SOLDIERS, ETC. ONE PICTURE, OBVIOUSLY FAKED SHOWS RVN SOLDIERS

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HOLDING THREE PRG HEADS AND LABELLED QTE VIETNAMIZATION UNQTE. PRESIDENT NIXON IS PICTURED IN SEVERAL PLACES AS ARE RELEASED US POW'S. THE TEXT IS REPORTEDLY HIGHLY VITRIOLIC AND SARCASTIC.

2. LT. COL. MATE TOLD AN AMERICAN ARMY OFFICER, OUR SOURCE FOR THIS INFORMATION, THAT HIS JOB IN VIETNAM INCLUDED THIS ASSIGNMENT.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST EMBASSY BUDAPEST OBTAIN SEVERAL COPIES OF THIS BOOK AS SOON AS IT COMES ON SALE AND FORWARD TO SAIGON AND DEPARTMENT.

4. COMMENT: SUCH PUBLICATION BY A HUNGARIAN MEMBER OF ICCS WOULD BE FLAGRANT EVIDENCE OF HUNGARIAN BAD FAITH TOWARDS ICCS RESPONSIBILITIES AND WOULD UNMISTAKABLY DOCUMENT THEIR ONE-SIDED DEDICATION TO PROMOTION OF VIET CONG INTERESTS. IF EXAMINATION OF PUBLICATION CONFIRMS FOREGOING REPORT, WE RECOMMEND PROTEST TO GOH.
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